

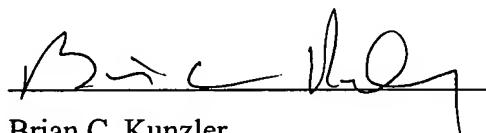
REMARKS

This unofficial submission is in response to the telephone conference of March 17, 2004. According to the agreements reached the above proposal amends the independent claims to include the elements of newly added claim 27, namely "pure metal film" and "full oxidation". It is not clear to Applicant whether amendments presented on appeal have been entered. Therefore, the proposed Examiner's amendment also includes those previously presented amendments.

Claims 13-26 were previously withdrawn and are now re-presented as a method of making a spin-valve sensor. The proposed Examiner's amendment involves claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 12, 13, and 27. Claim 27 was amended to recite the term "fully" instead of "completely" because the term "completely" is not explicitly recited in the specification. Support for these amendments, including the use of the term "fully," is found throughout the specification. Representative examples include page 5, line 19, page 6, line 24, page 14, lines 4-8, and page 23, lines 6-13.

Applicant anticipates prompt allowance of this case in view of the telephone conference and above Examiner's amendments. Applicant agrees to Examiner's amendments as described above. If any questions remain which can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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